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**ON PETITION**

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed April 11, 2012, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This patent expired on September 22, 2011 for failure to pay the eleven and one-half year maintenance fee. Since this petition was submitted within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7751.

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